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**U.S. Representative Brad Miller Hosts British Member of Parliament for Professional Exchange**

Washington, D.C. – **U.S. Representative Brad Miller** is hosting **British Member of Parliament John Healey** as part of the British American Parliamentary Group (BAPG) exchange, arranged through the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

The BAPG exchange has been connecting representatives from across the Atlantic since 1977. Through this exchange, six British Members of Parliament will travel to the United States to meet with their counterparts in the U.S. House of Representatives from July 23rd through August 1st.

John Healey is an experienced national politician in the British Labour Party. He has been the MP for Wentworth and Dearne since 1997, and he is also the former Minister of State for Housing and Planning.

MP Healey has been attending meetings with various U.S. government representatives and is visiting Rep. Miller today to observe Capitol Hill and U.S. politics. He will visit at the local level in the 13th district of North Carolina tomorrow.

As his final destination, MP Healey will travel to Boston, Mass., for a state capital visit and to observe the state government legislative process.

The BAPG exchange allows participants to network with counterparts and staffers, examine media in the U.S. political process, discuss the domestic and foreign policy issues that drive politics, and experience U.S. pluralism and regional diversity.

The [International Visitor Leadership Program](#) is the U.S. Department of State's premier professional exchange program, connecting current and emerging foreign leaders with their American counterparts through short-term programs to build mutual understanding on foreign policy issues. Nearly 200,000 distinguished individuals have participated in the program, including 335 current and former Chiefs of State and Heads of Government, and thousands of leaders from the public and private sectors.

**MP Healey and Rep. Miller's** Itinerary in Raleigh tomorrow, Friday, July 27th:

**What:** North Carolina Housing Finance Agency – Rep. Miller and MP Healey will tour multi-unit affordable housing in Raleigh, including Hilltop Home, Meadowbrook Commons and Emmaus House.

**When:** 10 A.M. to 11:30 A.M., Friday, July 27th

**Where:** Rep. Miller and MP Healey will first meet at the Congressman's District office at 1300 St. Mary's St., Ste.504, Raleigh before beginning the tours

**What:** Meeting with AFL-CIO members – Rep. Miller and MP Healey will meet to discuss labor issues, the attack on the working class, health access and affordability and financial sector abuses.

**When:** 12:30 P.M. to 1:45 P.M., Friday, July 27th

**Where:** LaVota Italiano, 411 Fayetteville St., Raleigh

**What:** Tour of Center for Architecture and Design Building Project – Rep. Miller and MP Healey will tour this facility, national recognized as a leader in environmental and energy design.

**When:** 2:15 P.M. to 3:15 P.M., Friday, July 27th

**Where:** AIANC Center for Architecture and Design, 14 E. Peace St., Raleigh

**What:** Nature Research Center Tour – Rep. Miller and MP Healey will tour the center.

**When:** 3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M., Friday, July 27th

**Where:** Nature Research Center, 121 W. Jones St., Raleigh

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